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**Travel Restrictions Delay Return to Service of AMHS Mainline Vessels**  
*Demand for passenger service is drastically reduced*

**(KETCHIKAN, Alaska)** – The Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) is developing a reduced service operating plan for spring and early summer to provide an appropriate level of service based on passenger demand, crew availability, and state and federal guidelines for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mainline vessel service will be delayed until such time travel restrictions are relaxed and demand returns for passenger service. COVID-19 related travel restrictions have drastically reduced passenger demand.

The M/V Tazlina continues to operate with limited service in the Northern Panhandle, and the M/V Lituya is running between Ketchikan and Metlakata on a limited schedule. AMHS will continue to adjust service levels as the situation evolves with the goal of providing minimum essential service as safely as possible in the near term.

Updated schedule information is available on the AMHS website at <http://www.ferryalaska.com>.

The health and well-being of our passengers and crew is a top priority for AMHS. We continue to observe social distancing rules and implement intensified cleaning protocols at our terminals and onboard our vessels.

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities oversees 239 airports, 10 ferries serving 35 communities, over 5,600 miles of highway and 776 public facilities throughout the state of Alaska. The mission of the department is to “**Keep Alaska Moving** through service and infrastructure.”